

CLAIMS:

What is claimed is:

1. A method comprising:

5 receiving identifying information for at least one recipient telephone customer account;

receiving an indication of a feature to be transferred from a transferring telephone customer account to the at 10 least one recipient telephone customer account;

transferring the feature from the transferring telephone customer account to the at least one recipient telephone customer account.

15 2. The method of claim 1, wherein the step of receiving the indication of the feature includes a step of:

receiving the indication of the feature as a menu choice.

20 3. The method of claim 1, wherein the identifying information includes a distribution list corresponding to accounts from the at least one recipient telephone customer account.

4. The method of claim 1, wherein the identifying information includes a telephone number.

25 5. The method of claim 4, wherein the telephone number corresponds to a mobile telephone.

6. The method of claim 1, wherein the feature is a number of call minutes.

7. The method of claim 6, wherein the call minutes include local call minutes.

5 8. The method of claim 6, wherein the call minutes include mobile airtime minutes.

9. The method of claim 6, wherein the call minutes include long distance minutes.

10. The method of claim 1, wherein the feature includes 10 at least one of call waiting, call forwarding, and enhanced voice mail.

11. The method of claim 1, further comprising:

15 sending a notification to the at least one recipient telephone customer account.

12. The method of claim 1, further comprising:

receiving one of an acceptance and a rejection from the at least one recipient telephone customer account.

20 13. The method of claim 1, wherein the transferring telephone customer account is associated with a first telephone service provider and the at least one recipient

telephone customer account includes a telephone customer account that is associated with a second telephone service provider.

14. A computer program product in a computer-readable
5 medium comprising instructions for:

receiving identifying information for at least one recipient telephone customer account;

10 receiving an indication of a feature to be transferred from a transferring telephone customer account to the at least one recipient telephone customer account;

15 transferring the feature from the transferring telephone customer account to the at least one recipient telephone customer account.

15. The computer program product of claim 14, wherein the instructions for receiving the indication of the feature include instructions for:

20 receiving the indication of the feature as a menu choice.

16. The computer program product of claim 14, wherein the identifying information includes a distribution list corresponding to accounts from the at least one recipient
25 telephone customer account.

17. The computer program product of claim 14, wherein the identifying information includes a telephone number.

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18. The computer program product of claim 17, wherein the telephone number corresponds to a mobile telephone.

19. The computer program product of claim 14, wherein the feature is a number of call minutes.

5 20. The computer program product of claim 19, wherein the call minutes include local call minutes.

21. The computer program product of claim 19, wherein the call minutes include mobile airtime minutes.

10 22. The computer program product of claim 19, wherein the call minutes include long distance minutes.

23. The computer program product of claim 14, wherein the feature includes at least one of call waiting, call forwarding, and enhanced voice mail.

15 24. The computer program product of claim 14, comprising additional instructions for:

sending a notification to the at least one recipient telephone customer account.

20 25. The computer program product of claim 14, comprising additional instructions for:

receiving one of an acceptance and a rejection from the at least one recipient telephone customer account.

26. The computer program product of claim 14, wherein the transferring telephone customer account is associated with a first telephone service provider and the at least one recipient telephone customer account includes a

5 telephone customer account that is associated with a second telephone service provider.

27. A data processing system comprising:

a bus system;

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a processing unit including at least one processor; and
a memory containing a set of instructions,

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wherein the processing unit executes the set of instructions to perform the acts of:

receiving identifying information for at least one recipient telephone customer account;

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receiving an indication of a feature to be transferred from a transferring telephone customer account to the at least one recipient telephone customer account;

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transferring the feature from the transferring telephone customer account to the at least one recipient telephone customer account.

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28. The data processing system of claim 27, wherein the act of receiving the indication of the feature includes the act of:

5 receiving the indication of the feature as a menu choice.

29. The data processing system of claim 27, wherein the identifying information includes a distribution list corresponding to accounts from the at least one recipient telephone customer account.

10 30. The data processing system of claim 27, wherein the identifying information includes a telephone number.

31. The data processing system of claim 30, wherein the telephone number corresponds to a mobile telephone.

15 32. The data processing system of claim 27, wherein the feature is a number of call minutes.

33. The data processing system of claim 32, wherein the call minutes include local call minutes.

34. The data processing system of claim 32, wherein the call minutes include mobile airtime minutes.

20 35. The data processing system of claim 32, wherein the call minutes include long distance minutes.

36. The data processing system of claim 27, wherein the feature includes at least one of call waiting, call forwarding, and enhanced voice mail.

37. The data processing system of claim 27, wherein the processing unit executes the set of instructions to perform the additional acts of:

5 sending a notification to the at least one recipient telephone customer account.

38. The data processing system of claim 27, wherein the processing unit executes the set of instructions to perform the additional acts of:

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receiving one of an acceptance and a rejection from the at least one recipient telephone customer account.

39. The data processing system of claim 27, wherein the transferring telephone customer account is associated

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with a first telephone service provider and the at least one recipient telephone customer account includes a telephone customer account that is associated with a second telephone service provider.

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